

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 54th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 1740
Version:	CS
Request Number:	6994
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Impact:	Revenue neutral to Department / DOC custody \$55 per day

Research Analysis

The committee substitute for HB 1740 would prohibit a scrap metal dealer from entering into any cash transactions in excess of \$1,000 in payment for the purchase of certain scrap metal. Payment by check must be issued and payable only to the seller whose identification has been established by a driver license or other form of government identification. Increases the penalty for a person who provides false information for use in a scrap metal log book to a felony punishable by a fine of \$5,000, imprisonment for up to 2 years or both fine and imprisonment. Requires persons engaging in business as a scrap metal dealer to be licensed by the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry. Provides information to be provided for application. Authorizes the collection of a \$100 application fee and \$100 investigation fee. Provides for a renewal fee of \$100. Allows the Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry to revoke license for certain causes.

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Fiscal Analysis

The CS for HB 1740 amends the Scrap Metal Dealers Act. The measure amends the penalty for knowingly providing false information from a misdemeanor to a felony, including up to two years in the custody of the Department of Corrections, which costs \$55 a day, per inmate.

The Department of Agriculture will oversee and enforce the Scrap Metal Dealers Act, and the measure provides for license and renewal fees as well as an investigation fee, at \$100 for each license, renewal and investigation. Officials at the Department state that with the fee revenue there would be no need for additional appropriations and that the measure would be revenue neutral.

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Other Considerations

None